

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In a March 16, 2009 response to the final Office action, Applicants amended the claims. Claims 5, 8-16 and 18 are currently pending. Claim 5 was amended to include the limitation of cancelled claim 6. Claim 18 was similarly amended.

In the Examiner's final Office action, the subject matter of claim 6 was rejected only under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) or 102(e) by Belew et al. This rejection was rebutted in Applicants' response of March 16, 2009, as it applies to the newly amended claim 5. However, in the advisory action, the Examiner states that the amendment would not overcome Belew et al. in view of Prior et al. (i.e., the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)). Applicants submit that this seems to be an error. Applicants respectfully seek clarification.

Applicants respectfully submit that as discussed in the response of March 16, 2009, claims 5, 8-16 and 18 are allowable.

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Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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